Summary: As of 1/10/15, 337 cases of confirmed influenza were reported to the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), with 95 (28.2%) cases requiring hospitalization. Two influenza-associated deaths have been reported. Emergency department visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) comprised 1.65% of all ED visits this week.

BPHC reminds everyone that influenza vaccine is still widely available, and there is still time to get vaccinated before the influenza season becomes more severe.

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Geographic Distribution

Rate of Confirmed Influenza Cases by Neighborhood per 100,000 Population
October 1, 2014 - January 10, 2015

Rate of ILI Syndrome ED Visits by Neighborhood per 100,000 Population
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